The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with G.L. c. 221C, § 7(d) and G.L. c. 30A, § 2, notice is hereby given that the Office of Court Interpreter Services (OCIS) within the Administrative Office of the Trial Court will hold five public hearings on proposed Standards and Procedures for interpreter services provided by OCIS. The purpose of these Standards and Procedures is to provide interpreters, judges, attorneys and other court personnel with important information about accessing, using and providing quality interpreter services in the Massachusetts Trial Court, and with guidelines to follow when requesting or acting as interpreters through OCIS. The hearings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, February 4, 2003 2-4 p.m. Springfield District Court County Commissioners Office 50 State Street Springfield, MA

Monday, February 10, 2003 2-4 p.m. Fall River District Court 45 Rock Street Fall River, MA

Tuesday, February 11, 2003
2-4 p.m.
Cambridge District Court
Middlesex Bar Association Conference Room
40 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, MA

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 2-4 p.m. Lawrence District Court Courtroom 6 Fenton Judicial Center 2 Appleton Street Lawrence, MA

Friday, February 14, 2003 2-4 p.m. Worcester District Court 50 Harvard Street Worcester, MA

Persons planning to give oral testimony at the hearings are also encouraged to provide a written summary of the testimony. Written comments on the proposed Standards and Procedures may be submitted by any person to OCIS before, during or after the hearings, but no later than February 14, 2003, when the hearings close. The proposed Standards and Procedures can be obtained at www.state.ma.us/courts/admin/interpreters/standards.html. In addition, requests for copies of the Standards and Procedures and questions about the hearings may be directed to OCIS at 617-878-0343. OCIS will arrange and pay for interpreters for those Limited English Proficiency individuals who wish to participate in the hearings, if the request for an interpreter is received by OCIS at least one week prior to the hearing. Public comments about the proposed Standards and Procedures should be directed to OCIS, Administrative Office of the Trial Court, 2 Center Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108.